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Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2002
setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A request
for a two (2) month extension of time and appropriate fee are filed
herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into
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